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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4155

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

I am testifying in support of HB 4155. Fertility challenges are a silent issue that affect Oregonians of all political allegiances and socioeconomic statuses. Recent strides in the fertility space have brought effective treatments to help those wishing to form a family; unfortunately, however, the financial reality is these costs are out of reach for many Oregonians. Requiring health insurers to participate in covering these treatments brings Oregon in line with several other states and recognizes the fact that infertility is a medical issue. Notably, the WHO and other academic bodies recognize infertility as a medical condition. As such, health insurers should provide coverage just as they do for other medical conditions.

My wife and I were blessed to be able to self-finance fertility treatments and welcomed a beautiful baby girl (and a future taxpayer!) to the world in 2025 after multiple pregnancy losses. HB 4155 will make these treatments available to more Oregonians. Speaking generally, the best parent is the person(s) who wants to be a parent, and increasing insurance coverage for these treatments will place them in reach for more Oregonians.

Respectfully,

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